IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of DEC 14 2001)	•
Urban WIDLUND) Group Art Unit: 3761	
Application No.: 09/194,700) Examiner: M. Kidwell	
Filed: March 4, 1999)	
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING IMPROVED SURFACE PROPERTIES)))	10
AMENDMENT		RECEIVE DEC 18 2 3700 MAIL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Absorbent article for maintaining mucous membranes of a user moist, the absorbent article comprising:

a liquid-pervious surface layer,

an absorbent body enclosed between the two surface layers,

wherein the article further exhibits a wetting region adapted to be disposed adjacent the mucous membranes of the user, which is the region of the liquid-pervious surface layer which is intended to first be wetted by body fluid emitted to the article,